

*"The workhorse of the Air Force"*

# Buckeye Flyer

Volume 41, No. 12

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

December 2002

## Loadmaster reenlists in Antarctica

by Maj. Ted Theopolos  
445th AW/Public Affairs

**"R**aise your right hand and repeat after me." And that's just what Master Sgt. Craig Essert did — in Antarctica.

The aircraft loadmaster from the 356th Airlift Squadron was on a Deep Freeze mission when he reenlisted for six more years with the Air Force Reserve. Pilots Capt. Doug Sellars administered the oath as Maj. Steve Griffin held the American Flag in minus fifteen-degree temperature.

The 445th Airlift Wing along with the 452nd Airlift Wing from March Air Force Reserve Base, Calif., and reservists from McChord AFB, Wa., have been sharing the ice mission according to Essert.

"It's a mix and match flight crew that fly the C-141 from Christchurch, New Zealand to McMurdo Station, Antarctica" said Essert.

The sergeant was referencing reservists training other reservists to become qualified to fly into Antarctica. "Your first time flying to McMurdo is an orientation flight pointing out the dos and don'ts by an instructor," said Essert. "The second flight will earn you your ice certification and the third trip will earn you the instructor status."

"The 452nd AW is the lead wing for this years operation," said Maj. Steven Griffin, a pilot with the 445th. "But next year, the 445th could possibly become the lead wing because of March's aircraft changes."

The California wing is changing aircraft from Vietnam era C-141 Starlifter to the new C-17 Globemaster III and will most likely be in transition for the next years ice missions.

Deep Freeze starts in October and operates through mid-February. The National Science Foundation contracts



**Master Sgt. Craig Essert, loadmaster with the 356th Airlift Squadron, stands in front of a C-141 at McMurdo Station.**



**Capt. Doug Sellars (left) shakes hands with Master Sgt. Craig Essert (center) after reenlisting while Maj. Steve Griffin (right) held the American flag during the ceremony.**

*(Courtesy Photos)*

with the Air Force Reserve to airlift people and cargo to McMurdo Station during the summer months. While it's winter in the northern hemisphere, it's summer in the southern.

"From Christchurch to McMurdo Station is approximately five and half flying hours," said Essert.

After the C-141 aircraft, which loaded weighs 325,000 lbs., lands on the 166-inch thick ice runway, passengers have to travel in an all-train vehicle to McMurdo Station, which is 2.8 miles away. The aircraft never completely shuts down during the off loading.

"Heaters are brought out to the plane to keep the engines, hydraulics and wheel wells warm, so not to freeze," said Essert. "We're only on the ground about 2.5 to 3 hours before we take-off back to Christchurch."

"In the early part of the operation we transport in supplies and personnel to McMurdo," said Essert. "Each flight carries cargo that weighs 42,000 lbs or more with about 50 to 60 passengers on board."

"The population at McMurdo Station rises to 1000 to 1200 people in the summer months," said Essert. "But before winter sets in mid to late February, we have to haul most of them back out. There're only 200 or so people that remain at the station during the winter months."

The United States is one of 22 nations that operate year round. A few studies done by research scientists are polar research, global warming and penguin's migration patterns according to National Science Foundation.

Ice Mission 15 was very special for the unit. "On October 11th, all 11 reserve crewmembers were from the 445th," said Essert.

"I'm hoping to get my Antarctica Ribbon," said Essert. "In order to earn the ribbon, crew members must fly to McMurdo a minimum of ten times."

The sergeant has flown to Antarctica eight times. He plans to go back to Christchurch in January in hopes to fly enough missions to McMurdo to earn his Antarctica ribbon.

## 'Tis the Season

by Capt. Chaplain Bill Dickens  
445th AW/Chaplain Office

This time of year is special to people of many different faiths. To the Muslim it is the celebration of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is during this month that many Muslims believe the Quran was given. Muslims spend this time in fasting, worship and contemplation as they seek to strengthen both family and community ties.

Chanukah, the festival of lights, is a Jewish celebration. It commemorates the victory of the Maccabees of the Syrians more than 2,300 years ago. It also celebrates the rededication of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of oil (during the struggle a single day's worth of lamp oil burned for 8 days).

For the Christian, the season is Christmas. There has been much commercialization of this holiday over the years. We often think more about Santa Claus, Christmas trees and presents than we do about the real meaning of the season. The real celebration centers on the love of God for his people. A love so strong that He would send His Son to the earth in the form of a man, born of a virgin to pay for our sinfulness. It is a celebration of perfect love.

As we approach this holiday season, remember the real reason we celebrate.

**Feliz Navidad!**

## Have a safe and happy holiday season

by Brig. Gen. (Sel) Rusty Moen  
445th AW/Commander

As the holiday season rapidly approaches my first thoughts are with all the brave service members America and our allies have deployed throughout the world. Whether its in the Afghanistan region continuing the fight against terrorists, nation building in the Balkans, patrolling the no-fly zones over Iraq, or building medical facilities, wells and roads in impoverished countries our military members are out making a difference for mankind. May they all know that our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with them as they serve our great nation.

To each of you in the 445th Airlift Wing I extend my thanks for your continuing service. The high operations tempo of this



past year has put a great demand on all reserve specialties, and you have answered the call. Individual reserve members have made significant contributions during their deployments as evidenced by the letters of appreciation I've received from overseas commanders. Aircrew and maintainers safely flew over our annual flying hour program by 30% in support of the war effort, all with volunteers. Some of our security police force remains on active duty today after all of them were mobilized over a year ago.

Each and everyone of you are important because you represent a resource and capability that when added up with all other airmen helps our leaders formulate our nation's defense policy and strategy.

My wife Barb and I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season, and thank each of you for the warm reception we have received since moving to Wright-Patt and becoming part of the 445th family.

## Father to son

by Senior Airman Chris Polites  
445th AW/Public Affairs

As commander of the 87th Aerial Port Squadron, Lt. Col. Keith Bond Jr. has the privilege of presiding over the enlistment ceremonies of new Air Force members. However, the enlistment ceremony he conducted Nov. 16 was very special to him because it was his son Ryan who recited the oath with him.

Ryan, who is in his third year of studying public relations at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. said that his father set a good example. "I've always wanted to join the Air Force," said Ryan.

He also looks forward to using the Air Force Reserve's education benefits to help him finish his bachelor's degree. After graduation, he intends to apply for a commission and hopes to become a pilot.



by SrA Chris Polites

**Lt. Col. Keith Bond enlists his son, Ryan.**

He realizes the challenge of joining the service at a time when the U.S. military is busier than ever. "If I have to go [to war], I'm ready to go," he said. "It's part of the job."

The colonel also began his 28-year career as an enlisted member. Asked how he felt to enlist his son into the Air Force, Bond said that it gave him "sense of pride and continuing commitment."

The new recruit will sit out one semester of college to begin his basic training in March 2003. Once he has completed his military education, he will be assigned to the power production shop in the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron.

## Buckeye Flyer

Vol. 41

No. 12

445th Airlift Wing (U.S. Air Force Reserve Command)  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

U.S. Government Printing Office 2-00004-445AW

This funded Air Force Reserve newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the *Buckeye Flyer* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U. S. Government, Department of the Air Force or Department of Defense. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 445th Airlift Wing Office of Public Affairs. Photographs are U.S. Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated.

### Editorial Staff

Brig. Gen. (Sel) Rusty Moen.....Commander  
Maj. Ted Theopolos.....Director of Public Affairs  
Mrs. Mary Allen.....Public Affairs Assistant/Editor  
Maj. Richard Sater.....Chief, Internal Information  
Master Sgt. Douglas Moore.....NCOIC/AV  
Master Sgt. John Klemack.....NCOIC  
Staff Sgt. Charles Miller.....Staff Writer  
Staff Sgt. Raquel Matthews.....Audio-Visual Specialist  
SrA Robert Sperling.....Public Affairs Trainee

# Reserve commander praises troops, mission

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force Print News

**A**wareness of, and appreciation for, the sacrifices of airmen and their civilian employers are the keys to success for the Air Force Reserve, its senior leader said.

"The point is to understand what they're doing for their country and the sacrifices they have to make in their personal lives and with their employers," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

According to Sherrard, a three-legged support system is important to mission accomplishment for Reserve members.

"There's a triad — the family, the unit and the employer," he said. "All three must have a fairly close balance in order for the member to be successful. To date, we're seeing the same response from employers as we're seeing from the American public — total support."

Acknowledgement from the top is also needed, he said.

"Another key to our success is for Reservists to know their work is respected and appreciated," Sherrard said. "You see that throughout Air Force leadership. The understanding that the role they play ... along with their Air National Guard and active duty counter-parts, makes certain that our Air Force is the world's greatest Air Force."

Key components to earning that respect, he said, are experience and a can-do attitude.

The average enlisted airman has about 13.5 years of experience. Officers average nearly 14 years of uniformed service. Sherrard said that experience is vital, since reservists provide about 20 percent of the service's combat capability.

"You can't put a dollar figure on what that value is, but you can certainly put it in there when you look at the combat capability we're able to provide," he said. "It's essential that you have that experience in order to come in and do the things we have to do."

"When we're asked to deploy, we

don't have the time to spin up," he said. "We're ready to go in within 72 hours, and we're combat-ready to execute the day we get there."

While every reservist knows that nonvoluntary mobilization is part of the contract, most missions are fully-manned by volunteers.

"There are more than 75,000 in the Reserve Command who are willing to step forward every day," Sherrard said. "Every time we have had a major contingency requirement, we invariably have more volunteers than we have requirements for, initially."

During operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, however, demand at times exceeded supply, he said.

"Some members were, in fact, involuntarily activated," he said. "You do have to do that on occasion."

Mobilization for some Reserve airmen has been extended to a second year of active service.

"The mission for those retained for

the second year is still a valid requirement," Sherrard said. "There were some who were disappointed, but I have not had a single person say, 'This is not for me.' They all took it as a requirement and were willing to step forward and do it."

That attitude did not surprise the top reservist.

"It's not anything I didn't expect, because that's the dedicated force we have."

Sherrard quoted a Reserve special operator to describe the attitude of members within his command:

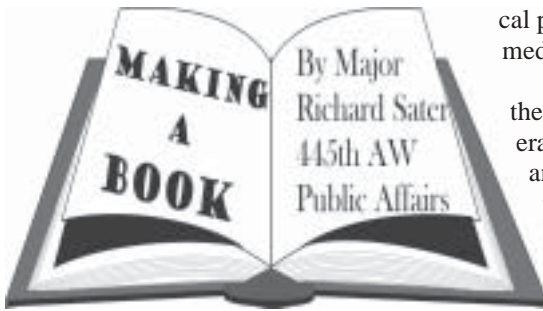
"There are two basic questions we need to ask ourselves: If not now, when? And if not me, who?" he asked.

"That is truly the hallmark of what a reservist will tell you every day — that they're ready to step forward, knowing they have the support of their home organizations, families and employers to do the things America is asking of them," he said.



**Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command believes awareness of, and appreciation for, the sacrifices of airmen and their civilian employers are the keys to success for the Air Force Reserve. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)**





He's got the write stuff. Col. (Dr.) William Hurd, commander of the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, has just published his first book.

Four years in the making, the book is entitled *Aeromedical Evacuation: Management of Acute and Stabilized Patients*. It's a textbook, an in-depth resource guide to the challenges of transporting critically injured or critically ill patients long distances by air during war or peacetime operations.

The book is the first of its kind. In addition to serving as the co-editor with Brig. Gen. (Dr.) John G. Jernigan (ret.), Hurd contributed three chapters to the book. It was published in October by Springer of New York as part of a projected series about military medicine.

The U.S. Army began using aircraft to transport the wounded for short distances during World War I. But "we learned during Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989 that we needed the capability to transport seriously wounded troops for long distances," Hurd says.

"MEDEVAC [medical evacuation] is the term used for transporting critically ill patients relatively short distances to the nearest appropriate medical facility, usually in helicopters or ground vehicles" he explains.

"Aeromedical evacuation is a different mission, referring to the long-distance transportation of patients, most commonly in fixed-wing aircraft. When the patients are critically injured or ill, the aircraft becomes a flying intensive-care unit."

Because of the changing face of military operations around the world, aeromedical evacuation has become a criti-

cal part of warfighting – but there was no medical reference book on the subject.

Four years ago, Hurd contacted then-Air Force Assistant Surgeon General Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Wynn Mabry (ret.) and asked him to recommend someone to help create such a book. Mabry introduced Hurd to Jernigan as a potential co-editor. The two agreed to work together and began researching and compiling lists of topics they wanted to include in the text.

Finding the right authors meant lots of research to find what articles had been published on the topics in question – and who had written them. "We had to find specialists who knew the material and who knew how to write," Hurd says.

The editors then contacted the leading specialists in a variety of relevant medical fields and asked them if they were interested in contributing to the project. Most recognized the need for such a text, Hurd says. "Nearly everyone said yes."

Over 40 collaborators – including Col. (Dr.) Robert Wells (ret.), former commander of the 445th ASTS – contributed chapters to the book. Most of the authors are active-duty physicians or reserve physicians with civilian practices like Hurd, whose civilian position is professor and chair of the Wright State University Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Dayton.

Hurd himself co-authored three chapters, addressing the topics of patient stag-

ing, obstetrics/gynecology, and pediatrics. Other subjects addressed include orthopedics, ophthalmology, neurosurgery, burns, and other conditions that an aeromedical crew might have to deal with in flight.

Hurd was primarily responsible for editing the submissions. He developed a format and general outline that he applied to each chapter so that the book would be consistent from one section to another.

"I approached it mathematically," he says. He made corrections and revised according to his plan, and when necessary, he rearranged the material to conform to his outline. He then returned the chapter to the original author once again for a final revision to ensure accuracy.

The project was initially expected to take about two years, but collecting all the material ultimately took nearly three years. Then the book production itself was delayed by last September's terrorist attack in New York, the home office of the publisher, Springer Verlag. It finally went to press this summer, much to Hurd's relief.

Hurd remains optimistic about the success of his effort. "Will it be useful to medics in the field?" he says. "Whenever you've invested this much time is a project, you can't help but to be a little anxious about how well it will be received."

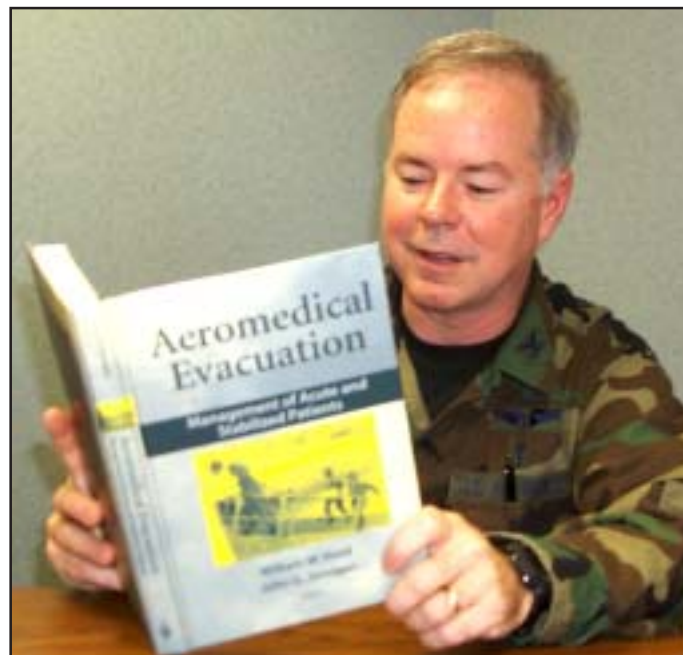
One way or another, however, *Aeromedical Evacuation: Management of Acute and Stabilized Patients* is a benchmark.

Hurd spent "hundreds and hundreds of hours" of his personal time on the book. "You do it because you love it," he says. "It was way more work than I ever expected, but if it does some good – great! If it makes a difference, it was worth the effort!"

Hurd proudly points out that his textbook can be ordered through any of the big online booksellers.

And though he's taking at least a year off before tackling another such project, Hurd is already thinking about his next literary venture. "A friend wants me to co-author something with him on reproductive endocrinology," he says, grinning.

Book him.



Col. (Dr.) William Hurd in his own words.

# Master of the World

by Maj. Richard C. Sater  
445th AW/Public Affairs

He's a world master, and he can say he runs with the best.

Lt. Col. David Hardwick, chief of intelligence for the 445th Airlift Wing, went "down under" for 10 days in October to participate in the World Masters Games in Melbourne, Australia, competing against some of the best international athletes.

A long-time runner, lithe and lean, Hardwick decided to enter the games last year, and he's glad he did. It was, he says, "the high point of my career as a runner – a dream come true."

The Melbourne games were "the largest sporting event of its kind ever," he says. "There were over 25,000 participants from all around the world. You're running with the world's best."

Held every three to four years, the World Masters Games feature dozens of sports: archery, baseball, soccer, tennis, weightlifting, rugby, swimming and many others. Since the games debuted in 1985, they have developed into the largest multi-sport competition held in the world, promoting good sportsmanship and international camaraderie.

Athletes compete against others in their own age group, and anyone can participate simply by submitting an application. However, as Hardwick points out, "no one is going to these games who's not competitive."

Hardwick, 51, participated in four different events at this year's games: the 10-kilometer run, eight-kilometer cross-country run, 1,600-meter relay, and the triathlon, which involved running, swimming, and biking.

With his wife Laurie accompanying him, Hardwick landed in Melbourne Oct.

4. "My first event, the 10K run, was two days after I arrived. I was still a little jetlagged," he says. But the run went reasonably well, though he'd hoped to do better than his 36th place in his age group.

He had two days to shake the jetlag and ready himself for the eight-kilometer cross-country race over a course of dirt, grass, gravel, hills, and brush. Hardwick placed 17th in the race, his best finish.

He had three days to relax, do a little sightseeing, and ready himself for his next event on the 11th, the 1,600-meter relay. He joined a pick-up team with another American and two Australian runners and logged the best time of the four on his 400-meter stretch. His team placed 12th overall.

The triathlon was the final event of the competition, taking place Oct. 12. Hardwick's biggest challenge came first. "The

ocean swim," he says. "About a mile." He estimates that the water temperature was in the 50s; he wore a wet suit for warmth and navigated the swells as rapidly as he could.

"The wave action was something else," he says. Though it was the most difficult part of the race for him, he also found it to be the most invigorating and exciting.

Bicycling followed the swimming – a 40-kilometer course – and then another 10-kilometer run. His total time for the three events was about two hours and 50 minutes. "A solid finish," he says of his 21st place. "It was a difficult course, the toughest I've ever encountered."

A rigorous training regimen helped Hardwick make the most of his Australian adventure. He began preparing in earnest about five months before the race, managing at least a dozen workouts per week.

His specialized training included instruction at a local dance studio ("for coordination and balance," he says) and workouts at the base gym, and he also worked with a local swimming coach to prepare for the challenge. He appreciated the support of his family while he trained. "I couldn't have done it without them."

Once in Australia, he took advantage of his time off to keep conditioned and to recover between events. "Professional massage helped," he says. "Every day."

During the competition, he relied on several different strategies to keep his energy up. "Vitamins, sports drinks, caffeine," he says. But pure adrenaline provided the biggest rush. "The whole race is a psych!" he says enthusiastically.

Hardwick has been a runner for more than 35 years. "It was my first sport," he says. In high school and college in Kentucky in the late 1960s and early 1970s, he ranked statewide in distance running. He participated in his

first triathlon in 1985 and has his sights set on the Iron Man triathlon (with its punishing 26-mile run, 112-mile bike ride, and two-mile swim) next year.

"I used to get butterflies before a competition," he says. "I've raced so much that I don't get nervous anymore."

Hardwick had also participated in one previous World Masters Games tournament in 1998 in Portland, Ore., where he was stationed at the time. He ran in a couple of events, and it whetted his appetite for an international competition.

Of his Australian adventure, he says, "It was wonderful. One of the most exhilarating things I've ever done in my life."

Of course, one dream coming true is no reason to stop. Hardwick continues his training, and he's already got his eye on the next World Masters Games, scheduled for July 2005 in Edmonton, British Columbia.



**Lt. Col. David Hardwick at the World Masters Games, Melbourne, Australia, in Oct. 2002. (Courtesy photo)**

# Reduce, reuse, recycle

by Maj. Richard C. Sater  
445th AW/Public Affairs

Ohio is a little bit greener thanks to the efforts of Aaron Mouser and his colleagues.

Mouser, the 445th Airlift Wing's environmental protection specialist (and first sergeant for the 445th Aircraft Generation Squadron), recently received an "outstanding performer" award from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Defense Pollution Prevention Partnership.

The DOD and the EPA specifically "look for initiatives that restrict solid waste," Mouser says. "What we do to not add to landfills. Recycling. Buying 'green' products" – paper or cardboard manufactured from recycled waste paper.

The award recognizes Mouser's efforts "going above and beyond applicable policies, procedures, and regulations to make a positive contribution" to protecting the environment by preventing pollution.

Though he is a one-man shop, more than a dozen others in the wing manage work sites and oversee the environmental program in the 445th. Mouser is proud to be recognized for it, but he insists that the award should be shared.

"It's not my award. It's the people in the shops with the ideas for reusing and recycling," he says. Their commitment to the program ensures its continuing success.

Mouser has held his job since 1995, and he's grown into it. "It's about being creative. Thinking outside the box," he says.



"Finding ways you can stop using hazardous materials to get a job done, or recycling something instead of throwing it away."

For example, the 445th buys cleaning rags from a local company that launders and re-uses the rags rather than simply disposing of them. "It's expensive to get rid of stuff," Mouser says – particularly hazardous materials.

The 445th Logistics Group also recycles its oil and hydraulic fluid cans, draining all the excess liquid from the cans and then compacting them in 55-gallon drums that are sealed and sold as scrap metal. Even the dregs drained from the cans mount up. "We turn in the used oil to the base liquid fuels section who blend it with other base products and sell for energy recovery. The 445th AGE [aerospace ground equipment] shop also recycles JP 8 jet fuel to run our AGE equipment," he says – saving the unit as much as \$8-12,000 a year, he estimates. One of the projects mentioned was the replacement of 3, 1980s technology waterfall paint booths with one state of the art dry filter booth. Two of the paint booths were rated # 1 and 3 on the base for potential operational failure with unsafe environmental consequences.

Other efforts that Mouser promotes include the recycling of office paper and aluminum cans, which helps the entire base community. In addition to reducing the amount of trash, recycling translates into cash for Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) programs on base, Mouser says. Better management of hazardous materials also reduces the need for inspections – and potential fines, he points out.

Green is good for the unit and good for the environment. "We're looking for further initiatives to be implemented wing-wide in the next year, including cardboard recycling," Mouser says. "Why throw it into a landfill if you can reuse it?"

## Wing selects "Family of the Year"

by Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller  
445th AW/Public Affairs

There is an old Air Force saying that goes something like "We recruit the individual, but we retain the family." With that in mind, a new-to-the-445th award was debuted November 3, 2002.

The 445th Family of the Year award was presented by wing commander Col. Rusty Moen to the Michael Family: Master Sergeant Kip, his wife Tech. Sgt. Shannen, daughter Dani, 7, and son Zack, 4. Mom and dad Michael are with the Security Forces Squadron where Shannen serves as the unit administrative specialist and husband Kip is a security forces specialist.

The family received a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate to the Olive Garden. Each of the children also received a gift package that included a stuffed military dressed bear, a t-shirt and more.

"This basically validates what we knew about how important family is," said Kip Michael. "After being activated, this cements things for us." He was activated and deployed away from home for seven months following 9/11.



by SSgt. Charlie Miller

*The Michael family, 445th Family of the Year, poses with the wing commander.*

"It's an honor being nominated," Shannen Michael said who, along with her husband, have been with Security Forces since 1991.

The Family of the Year award is designed to focus on and show admiration for military families supporting the Air Force and the 445th. One family will be selected annually for the wing-level award from nominations submitted by unit First Sergeants.

"The Family Support office and the wing wanted to do something to show we appreciated them and recognize their sacrifices," said Tech. Sgt. Jacquelyn Griffin, of the Family Support office.

The Michael family, who were nominated by 445th SFS acting First Sergeant Senior Master Sgt. John Leist, will now be nominated for Wright-Patterson AFB Family of the Year. They will be competing with many active duty Air Force families for the base-wide award.



## Welcome and Congratulations!

### Promotions

*Congratulations to the following personnel, recently promoted to the rank indicated.*

#### Senior Airman



Steven Bickel, 445 CLSS  
Gregory Compton, 445 CES  
Jason Freudenberg, 445 SFS  
Joshua Fuller, 445 AMXS  
Michael Hatton, 445 AES  
Sherman James, 445 SFS  
James Jones, 445 SFS  
James McCoy, 445 AES  
Nathan Metcalf, 445 AMXS  
Walter Patton, 445 SFS  
Ronald Seniors, 445 CLSS  
Thomas Sexton, 445 SFS  
James Thornton, 445 CLSS  
Kimberly Trawick, 445 AES

#### Staff Sergeant



William Akers, 445 SFS  
Brian Barth, 445 AMXS  
Clay Bucy, 445 CES  
Lindsay Fletcher, 445 LRS  
Aridith Gibbons, 445 AW  
Sandi Golden, 445 AES  
Robert Green, 445 MXS  
Hans Jagow, 445 AES  
John Kaufman, 89 ALS  
Zonia Lee Daulton, 445 ASTS  
David Malone, 445 LRS  
Craig Reidenbach, 445 LRS  
Jeffrey Schanz, 445 AW

Scott Stein, 445 AMXS  
Brian Teates, 445 LRS

#### Technical Sergeant



Kathrine Barnes, 445 OSS  
Roger Brewer, 87 APS  
Clifton Griffie, 445 MXS  
Lawrence Record, 445 CLSS  
Herman Shelton, 445 CES  
Ed Sims, 445 CLSS  
Damon Walker, 445 AES  
Toby Winn, 445 AES

#### Master Sergeant



William Baker, 445 CES  
Kristi Casteel, 87 APS  
John Chatman, 87 APS  
Kenneth Finch, 445 CES  
Larry Furnish, 445 LRS  
Christopher Greene, 445 CES  
Darell Houston, 445 MXS  
Rubin Knight, 445 MXS  
Brenda Myers, 445 CES  
Joseph Simon, 445 OSS  
Albert Smith, 445 MXS  
Kenneth Tipton, 445 CES  
Jeffrey Turner, 445 CES  
Mark Young, 445 CES

#### Senior Master Sergeant



Richard Warren, 87 APS

### Captain

Jason Shaffer, 356 ALS



### Reenlistments

*Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently re-enlisted in the Reserve.*

SrA Jeremy First, 445 AMS  
SrA Harold Debolt, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Matthew Franke, 445 CLSS  
SSgt. Ryan Baumgartner, 445 SFS  
SSgt. Mark Mollohan, 445 MSS  
SSgt. Tammara Kirkman, 445 AW  
SSgt. Mark Maggart, 87 APS  
SSgt. Robert Bowles, 445 OSS  
SSgt. David Wagner, 89 AS  
TSgt. Arthella Lennon, 445 AMS  
TSgt. Matthew Sleigh, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Gary Patterson, 87 APS  
TSgt. Duncan Barth, 87 APS  
TSgt. Sylvia Rogers, 87 APS  
TSgt. Dannie Johnson, 87 APS  
TSgt. John Webb, 87 APS  
TSgt. Leroy Sanders, 445 CLSS  
TSgt. Aaron Wallenburg, 89 AS  
MSgt. Thomas Kanoza, 87 APS  
MSgt. Donald Pursifull, 445 LSS  
MSgt. Mike Reynolds, 445 LRS  
MSgt. Daniel Lantis, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. Debra Holmes, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. David House, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. Kristi Casteel, 87 APS  
MSgt. Craig Essert, 356 AS  
SMSgt. Joseph Smith, 445 MXS  
SMSgt. Gary Worrell, 87 APS

### Newcomers

*Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:*

AB Sean Fieldler, 445 CES  
AB Evelyn Pellot, 445 OSS  
A1C Mathina Evans, 445 MSS  
A1C Daniel Payne, Jr., 445 MSS  
A1C Ryan Begley, 445 SVF  
A1C John McCreary, 445 CLSS  
A1C Dwayne Fries, 445 AMDS  
A1C Robin Beasley, 445 CF  
SrA Javone Barnwell, 445 LSS  
SrA Omegia Keays, 445 ASTS  
SrA Sarah Badgley, 445 ASTS  
SrA Elizabeth Michel, 445 ASTS  
SrA Kerry Wilson, 445 MXS  
SSgt. John Brice John, 87 APS  
SSgt. Richard Dreyer, 87 APS  
SSgt. Michael Durbin, 445 LSS  
SSgt. Alan Baker, 445 CES  
SSgt. Scott Musick, 445 MSS  
SSgt. R. Heffner, 445 AMDS  
TSgt. Traci Shaffar, 445 MSS  
TSgt. Gregory Nelson, 445 SVF  
2nd. Lt. Jenny Couse, 445 ASTS

### Awards

*Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned awards.*

#### Meritorious Service Medal

TSgt. Linda Combs, 445 CLSS  
TSgt. James Grimes, 445 CF  
TSgt. Alanson Knight, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. Katrina Nirider, 445 LSS  
MSgt. William Schoenberger, 445 AW  
SMSgt. Calvin Amos, 445 CLSS  
SMSgt. Craig Davidson, 445 LSS  
SMSgt. Robert Reed, 356 AS  
SMSgt. Charles Roberts, 445 CLSS  
SMSgt. James Villlella, 445 CLSS  
CMSgt. Thomas Ludwig, 356 AS

#### Commendation Medal

TSgt. Frank Rives, 445 AGS  
TSgt. Michael West, 445 AGS  
MSgt. Cynthia Holland, 445 AGS

#### Achievement Medal

SSgt. Robert Caskey, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Scott McCoy, 445 MXS

Photo by Mary Allen



The 445th Chili Cook-Off fundraiser, with a Halloween theme, was a success that benefited the Combined Federal Campaign. Over 15 different chilies were entered into the best chili contest. Pictured from left to right: Donna Getter, Debbie Moore, Steve Hunt, Mike Pennington, Clairen Allridge, Jon Leist, Annette Jones, guess who? and Chad Evans.



# Wing notes

## Gate entry

Reservist in a military uniform entering the base gate is required to show their **military I.D.** card to the gate guard for entry. Some reservists work at the base as a civilian and have two I.D. cards, military and civilian; the military I.D. card is the one that needs to be used while in uniform. Also everyone's vehicle is required to have a vehicle pass or base sticker to enter the base gate including rental car, new car, borrowed car, etc. Without a vehicle pass the gate guard will automatically enforce you to turn the vehicle around. Don't forget to check your I.D. and base sticker to see if they have expired. The visitor center, located at gate 12A, is open 7 days a week.

## Health assessment website

To complete the Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment (RCPHA) questionnaire on line and sending it electronically will save reservists a great deal of time for their annual RCPHA. But to access the website for the questionnaire the correct address needs to be typed. The website for the RCPHA questionnaire is a secured website; therefore, after the http. an "s" is needed. The address must include the required "s" to access the page. The address is <https://www.wbits.afrc.af.mil>. If you only type [www.????](http://www.????), the website will not be found. By accessing the website and sending the questionnaire electronically some reservist may find that they don't have to go to the base hospital at all.

445th Airlift Wing  
5514 McCormick Road  
Wright-Patterson AFB OH  
45433-5113



FIRST CLASS MAIL  
POSTAGE & FEES PAID  
USAF PERMIT NO. G-825

## 'Season's Greetings' on the wings of the 445th

By Master Sergeant John Klemack  
445th AW/Public Affairs

Operation Season's Greetings 2002 kicked off at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, when a C-141 Starlifter of the Air Force Reserve Command's 445th Airlift Wing departed the base on Nov. 16, bound for Robins AFB, Ga. Their mission: pick up 65 passengers and six pallets of equipment and fly them to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Their passengers were members of the Air Force Reserve Command Band and the five-member country pop group Restless Heart. This year's edition of Season's Greetings marks the seventh consecutive year that the Air Force Reserve Command Band – along with one or more well-known American bands – has traveled to Europe to entertain troops in a series of concerts staged at military installations.

Col. Hanferd J. (Rusty) Moen, 445th Airlift Wing commander, said, "Being selected to provide airlift for such a high-

profile USO co-sponsored program is a thrill for us. We fly real-world wartime and peacetime missions alongside our brothers and sisters in arms. Now we have the honor of airlifting top-notch entertainers right to their bases."

The entertainers' itinerary includes Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany for one night; Ramstein AB, Germany for four nights; RAF Mildenhall, U.K. for two nights; Rota Naval Station, Spain for two nights; Incirlik AB, Turkey for two nights; and Lajes AB, Spain for two nights, returning to Robins AFB on Dec. 1.

"We like this mission assignment a lot," said aircraft commander Lt. Col. Charles F. Hanks, III.

"The troops really appreciate the entertainment, especially since they are not able to be with their families during the holidays. It makes our crew feel good that we are able to bring them something entertaining and fun."

Restless Heart member John Dittrich said that the band can't wait to perform their new hit song "Torch of Freedom" during the concert tour. "We are looking forward to performing for all of the great men and women of our armed forces overseas," he said.



### From the public affairs staff

*"May your holiday season have a smooth take-off and a safe landing"*

